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quetzalcoatl mural

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Wed, Jun 27, 2018 at 7:36 PM

Hi Yami, Felicia,

I was told some news by a local and respected Chicana artist yesterday that I found extremely troubling. I hope you both know that when CD1 approved the funding of the Quetzacoatl Mural on Ave. 60 the grant was to the group headed up by [REDACTED] and Andy Ledesma. I have been told Andy was removed from the contract and John Zander Estrada was placed on the contract without CD1's explicit approval. I grant you Debby may have scanned the document but she is our money person and trusts what we tell her. The grant was approved by myself and I never would have involved the parties that have been attacking the local constituents. I am told Brenda Perez and Yaya Castillo have been involved and at this point I would like the contract redone with John's name removed for many, many reasons.

If for some reason Kathy Gallegos is unwilling to remove John I have talked to Conrado and we have other people who can act as fiduciary agents. We just want the contract to reflect what was originally agreed to with Anthony and his group without any involvement from other people.

Call if you have any questions,

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Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 12:05 PM

Dear Bill,

The contract between Avenue 50 and the City has [REDACTED] named as the artist. It was not removed. [REDACTED] was named in the contract because the initial proposal accepted by the Council Office was from [REDACTED]

Part of our contracting procedure is to have the main contractor (Avenue 50 Studio) execute a subcontract with the artists who will perform the scope of work for \$5,000. Kathy Gallegos of Avenue 50 Studio informed us that the subcontract was written with artist participation and named [REDACTED] John Zender Estrada, Rafael Corona, Oscar Deleon, Isabel Martinez, and Rene A. Ledesma as parties to the agreement.

Kathy Gallegos (Ave 50), [REDACTED] and John Zender signed the subcontract. Attached to the subcontract are the first two invoices from Rafael Corona and Oscar Deleon.

Hope this clarifies things. If you have more questions about the subcontract, Kathy Gallegos of Avenue 50 Studio would be the best person to contact.

Avenue 50 Studio has not yet received a Notice to Proceed from us because we are waiting for the agreement between Ave 50 and fabricator and final proposal for the Autry Museum mural- the second project under the same contract.

Thank you,

Yami

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Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 2:50 PM

Hi Yami,

I guess there isn't much we can do at this point but after hearing some things in the neighborhood, we are not very happy with Kathy involving Zander in a grant from our office. Not sure we would have signed off on that had we known. We're not really big on giving grants to folks who are involved with people who have been attacking the Council Office on Social Media. We'll definitely want to make sure that does not happen in the future.

Bill

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